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EXALTED by a blessed thought,
My soul is on the wing;
I speak, as in the spirit taught,
The praise of Christ my king.

2. My lips are eager, and delight
Glad tidings to impart,
As is the pen of them that write
With equal ease and art.

3. Thy form is fairer than the race
Of men from Adam sprung;
And God has giv'n eternal grace
To thy persuasive tongue.

4. Thy sword's effulgent lightning sheathe
On thy redoubted thigh;
And crown'd with fame and merit breathe
The peace of God most High.

5. God thy thrice-honour'd mission speed,
In love and meekness ride;
To do the right thy Word decreed,
And truth shall be thy guide.

6. Sharp is the voice of thy reproof,
When sin thy spirit grieves;
E'en underneath the sacred roof
Amidst the trading thieves.

7. Thy feat, Lord Jesus, shall remain,
And endless pow'r is thine;
The sceptre of thy heav'nly reign
Is rectitude divine.

8. Thy truth all falsehood disallows,
Whence God, thy God profest
His oil has gladden'd for thy brows
Above thy fellows blest.

9. Thy garments of rich cassia smell,
Of aloes and of myrrh;
From ivory rooms where Psalmists dwell,
And joyful pray'rs prefer.

10. The dames of honour not a few
Are in thy train enroll'd;
The seat upon thy right shall shew
Thy spouse in flow'rs and gold.

11. Consider, daughter, and attend,
Forget thy carnal fire,
The wealthy pomp, the worldly friend,
And every mean desire.

12. So shall the Prince of peace have joy
In beauty so supreme;
Thy service and thy song employ
In Christ thy God and theme.

13. The daughter of the Tyrian port
Shall bring her gifts to thee;
The rich of nations pay their court,
And supplicate the knee.

14. The bride of Jesus Christ is great
In glories of the soul;
Of regal gold a precious weight
Adorns her flowing stole.

15. Before her Saviour shall she stand,
In needlework array'd,
And those wise virgins of her band,
With blazing lamps display'd.

16. In joy and gladness not to cease,
They shall be led along,
To Christ the palace of his peace,
The house of pray'r and song.

17. Of no terrestrial father born,
Thy servants are thine heirs;
Whom thou shalt leave the world to warn,
By preaching and by pray'rs.

18. I will thy holy name adore,
As I such hope presage;
Thy faints shall bless Thee more and more,
In every world and age.

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PSALM CXLVIII.

HALLELUJAH! kneel and sing
Praises to the heav'nly king;
To the God supremely great,
Hallelujah in the height.

2. Praise him, arch-angelic band,
Ye that in his presence stand;
Praise him, ye that watch and pray,
Michael's myriads in array.

3. Praise him, sun, at each extrem,
Orient streak, and western beam;
Moon and stars of mystic dance,
Silv'ring in the blue expanse.

4. Praise him, O ye heights, that soar
Heav'n and heav'n for evermore;
And, ye streams of living rill,
Higher yet and purer still.

5. Let them praise his glorious name,
From whose fruitful word they came;
And they first began to be
As he gave the great decree.

6. Their constituent parts he founds
For duration without bounds;
And their covenant has seal'd,
Which shall never be repeal'd.

7. Praise the Lord on earth's domains;
Praise, ye mutes, that sea contains;
They that on the surface leap,
And ye dragons of the deep.

8. Batt'ring hail, and fires that glow,
Steaming vapours, plummy snow;
Wind and storm, his wrath incurr'd,
Wing'd and pointed at his word.

9. Mountains of enormous scale,
Every hill and every vale;
Fruit-trees of a thousand dies,
Cedars that perfume the skies!

10. Beasts that haunt the woodland maze,
Nibbling flocks, and droves that graze;
Reptiles of amphibious breed,
Feather'd millions form'd for speed.

11. Kings, with Jesus for their guide,
Peopled regions far and wide;
Heroes of their country's cause,
Princes, judges of the laws.

12. Age and childhood, youth and maid,
To his name your praise be paid;
For his word is worth alone,
Far above his crown and throne.

13. He shall dignify the crest
Of his people, rais'd and blest;
While we serve with praise and pray'rs,
All in Christ his saints and heirs.



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